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Subject: Regarding Financial Remuneration This Evening

First of all gentlemen, thank you for committing to work as Judges at this evenings MFC event at the Shaw Conference Centre. (doors for the public open at 7 pm, fights start at 8 pm). It will be the first official event that I am the lead, for the ECSC, so I am especially excited about this evenings event. We have some Judges down with the flu, so the 6 of you including three referees, will be busy (10 fight card at the moment - some medicals still being completed.)

As you can read below - a complaint of conflict of interest has arisen involving the two signing officers of the ECSC (contractor Orest Zmyndak and Chair John Campbell.) As a consequence, the Commission bank account has been frozen. Consequently it will take a couple of days for a new account to be established with new signing officers. Please bear with me and the Commission in terms of payment to you for working the event to-night. This will be resolved in the coming week. You should sign in following the event this evening at the post-event debrief and payment will be forthcoming in the next few days.

In terms of to-night, I would appreciate it if there was no discussion about the incident mentioned below. In fact, one thing I would like to stress, is that from this point forward, I am asking all officials to refrain from criticism of other officials. I am certainly not singling anyone out, I am taking the time to inform all officials of this message.

Comparatively speaking, in my years of involvement in sport, I find rumour mongering to be particularly rampant in this professional combative sport industry and I don't know why. Clearing it up with take a concerted effort by everyone on the ECSC "team" and I consider each of you as valued members of that team.

So back to the event this evening. It is a very full fight card. Please be mindful of direction from two key individuals - Jack Krys will again be the Chief Inspector and Dave Wiles will again be the Ring General.

There will be soup and sandwiches, and a vegetable and fruit platter provided for working officials, in the Commission room arriving at 6:15 p.m. Please join in, enjoy yourself and thank you again for agreeing to work this evenings event.

I don't know if you were aware, but I was in LA last month meeting with the UFC, to see about bringing them to Edmonton in 2010. While there as their guest for UFC 104 in the Staple Center, I was fortunate enough to sit ringside with Chuck Liddell for the final fights of the night. The other reason I was in LA was to be

involved with the COMMAND refereeing course from John McCarthy in his training academy in Valencia, California. I had little trouble with two thirds of the course - the theory and the practical (in ring demonstrations) but had a lot of trouble with the technical component. I could not keep straight what a Kimura vs. Omoplata, or what a Keylock was from an Americana and those ten second intervals to recognize and write down things like Anaconda Choke - too quick for me. I did enjoy the simulated refereeing in the octagon however, having been a former international (IAABO)basketball referee, I wasn't nervous about the live refereeing portion.

So I am not COMMAND certified, but I am COMMAND knowledgeable. I can say I "audited" the referee course. Unfortunately I missed getting to Winnipeg to take the COMMAND judging course, but I am planning to bring John McCarthy here in the late winter or early spring to do a COMMAND judging course that I hope those of you interested in judging MMA will take in. I plan to take it also - you can never stop learning in this sport. More on that course in the new year.

Attached are a couple of pictures from that particular trip to LA and Valencia.

As referees and judges, in my estimation, you are the heart and soul of our officiating team. I look forward to working more closely with you in the new year. See you to-night!

Cheers, Pat

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